



Date: March 2022
From: Jane D. Smith, DSO-Public Affairs
Thru: Bruce Martin, DCAPT- Prevention
To: Commodore Dean McFarren
Subject: Activities Report for February 2022

Doug Manifold – Deputy ADSO – PA

From the Deputy Corner:

We are very happy that the Gold Side has decided to fund a number of AUX-12 Public Affairs Classes this year and that the first one is planned to be in our District in May. We are thrilled that several of our D11N shipmates have been selected to attend this excellent program.

It is now up to our District, Division and Flotilla leaderships to follow through with the task of assuring that every member who will be, or has been, funded by the Coast Guard to attend this program completes the AUXPA 3, 2 and 1 Public Affairs Training programs and serves as a Public Affairs Staff Officer in some capacity at the flotilla, division or district level.

It is a moral obligation that all members who are funded to attend the AUX-12 program complete, as a minimum, the AUXPA 3 Specialist certification program within one year of completing this C-School.

It is also incumbent on all of us to make it a priority to appoint flotilla, division or district PA Staff officers, those members who are PA Certified Specialists. And, it is imperative that the members who you do approve to attend the AUX-12 C-School commit to you that they will serve as a PA Staff Officer for a minimum of three years.

Kit Galvin - ADSO-PA-NSBW REPORT UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2022

DIV 1 – Contact: Lilli Ferguson, Chair

Each flotilla was contacted and asked to send information about all activities leading up to NSBW. Photos were also requested. Nothing received yet.

DIV 3 – Contact: Richard Celia, Chair

Committee has been formed. Frequent contact with Station Rio Vista in preparation for their Opening Day event in April. VE, PV, PE, and PA teams are working together to ramp up their visibility. PA event held at boat dealership with excellent exposure to the public. Boat America class on Mar 19. Social media updates made.

DIV 4 – Contact: Eddie Lam, DCDR

No report this month.

DIV 5 – Contact: Bob Schabert, Chair

1. *Division voted to create an annual budget for NSBW.* Funds will be used to support the five flotillas with items such as signage for marinas or other approved materials.
2. VE stations are on the calendar.
3. February Boat America class graduated 21 boaters. Next one April 02.
4. Three festivals prior to NSBW will be well covered by members under the PA canopies with educational exhibits, brochures, and hands-on activities.
5. Facebook and other social media updates are being made weekly. **DIV 6 – Contact: Jane Smith, Chair**

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Site: Santa Cruz Harbor - Div 6, Flotilla 6-10

On May 21st of NSBW -

1) There will be a USCGAUX information booth

2) On the launch ramp displayed:

- CG Monterey's 45' RBS boat.
- Tow Boat US
- Santa Cruz Harbor Police new boat
- CG Auxiliary Boat
- Sea Scout's New Boat

DIV 7 – Contact: Tony Zocchi, DCDR

No report this month.

DIV 8 – Contact: John Felton, DCDR

No report this month.

DIV 10 – Contact: Tom Witt, DCDR

No report this month.

DIV 11 – Contact: Bryce Leinan, DCDR

No report this month.

DIV 12 – Contact: Georgianna Scheuerman, DCDR

No report this month

D11N PA Qualifications

PA - 1: Roger Bazeley, Vladimir Bukhankov, Jerry Edelen, Doug Manifold, John-Michael Zimmerle

PA – 2: Jane D. Smith

PA - 3: Bernard Brown, Jimmin Chang, Gail Giacomini, Michael Goldberg, Steven Hill, Jim Losi, Michael Mitchell, Bob Schabert, Wally Smith, & Winnie Zhou

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Division 1 – Tiffany Townsend – SO-PA

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY NATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRESENTS
PHOTO OF  THE MONTH



JANUARY 2022 WINNER: Yerba Buena Island, Calif – Auxiliarists who complete AUXCA (Auxiliary Culinary Assistant) training can augment the active duty in a variety of ways. Here, District 11 Culinary Assistance staff are serving active duty personnel on October 23, 2021 at U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Francisco. *U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary photo by Roger Bazeley*

Division 3 – Rich Celia – SO-PA

No report submitted

Division 4 – SO position vacant

No report Submitted

Division 5 – Jim Matthies – VFC/PA - 55

Hello Flotilla 55 members! Happy New Year to you and all your families. I hope you enjoyed the Holiday Season this year and you all stayed safe.

I received a phone call from a city official at the Sebastopol the Chamber of Commerce last week. They have invited The Coast Guard Auxiliary to join the 2022 Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade and Festival on April 23rd and 24th.

We have not participated in this event at least since I have been a member. The Parade is a long time tradition for Sebastopol and West Sonoma County. For the people that don't know, before the Grape Industry boomed in Sonoma County, apples especially Gravensteins, were as important to communities of the West County as "Butter and Eggs" were to Petaluma or "Roses" to Santa Rosa. I would like to propose at our next meeting that we accept Sebastopol's gracious invite to the celebration. We could participate with a float in the parade or PA event at Ive's Park or both. We could also help officials at the gates. Something for everyone. :)

I'm looking forward to the warmer spring and summer seasons and spending time helping and educating the community at our local celebrations, cause,s and traditions.

Division 6 – Jane D. Smith – DSO-PA2

Patrol – 05 February – Santa Cruz

A patrol was conducted out of Santa Cruz on 05 February mainly for training and to "shake off some rust" from the many months awaiting resumption of patrols.

There were several man overboard (M.O.B.) iterations including "Oscar" which provided much more realistic recoveries than a random floating fender!



District Captain Alan Stanton on break with Oscar enjoying a Diet Coke, a bag of Doritos, and a can of Pringles!



Michael Brown supports Alan as he maneuvers Oscar to the swim platform for recovery.



The Harbor Patrol Boat working with our Oscar.



The Harbor Patrol Boat with most of Oscar on board!

Santa Cruz Harbor has obtained a new Patrol Boat ... a 33-footer made by Moose Boats. The Harbor Patrol got some "Oscar" practice in as well on their new vessel.

It was a great day to be "out there" again with a lot of training and perfect weather conditions.

Patrol – 19 February

There were two facilities patrolling out of Santa Cruz on 19 February which provided opportunities to shake off some additional rust with towing exercises.



Flotilla 6-10 Commander Bruce Krogstad prepares the #1 tow line on the bow of 301219.



OpFac 331522 alongside 301219 preparing to be side towed. Michael Brown, Onno Hommes, and Bard Mansager in the cockpit of the '522'; DCAPT Chuck Cobery at the helm.



Deputy National Commodore Mary Kirkwood works with crew person Lou Sarto during a side tow evolution.



DSO-PA Jane Smith (yours truly) at the helm of 301219.

Another great February day on the waters of the Monterey Bay. We got some great training in and, importantly, we saw the public and the public saw us.

Division 7 – SO-PA Position Vacant

No Report Submitted

Division 8 – Dorothy DeLope – FSO-PA – Flotilla 88

Nothing to Report

Division 10 – Rebecca O’Brian-Witt- SO – PA

Nothing to Report

Division 11 – Bill Stolz – SO – PA – Flotilla 11-01

1. On the morning of February 26, Flotilla 11-01 participated in the Snowfest Parade in Tahoe City, CA. BMC Colt Fairchild, OIC, and MK1 Mike Jokinen provided the boat for the parade. 11-01 members Dan Powers, Jerry Gilmore and Bill Stolz represented the Auxiliary riding in the response boat and engaging with the crowd. When we passed the reviewing stand a safety message was read to the bystanders.



2. On the afternoon of February 26th, 11-01 members participated in the annual Polar Bear Swim. 7 women started in the first swim and 12 men swam in the second swim. 2 women were brought in by PWC sled (see below) and one man dropped out and we brought all three onto the pier.

The Lake Tahoe Coast Guard 29-RBS, Placer County and North Lake Tahoe with 2 PWC’s acted as safety boats.





Jerry Gilmore on left, Bill Stolz middle, and Dan Powers right, worked the end of the pier.

Cameran Stolz was on top of the pier to work as look out and record the number of the swimmers that we picked up.

Division 12 - Jim Losi - Public Affairs, PCA President & DSO-HR

MOM Patrol 19 February 2022

While the patrol mission is that of a Maritime Observation Mission, after 4 months of no surface operations, we wanted to continue to “knock the cobwebs” off and get back into the proper patrol cadence, refocus on safety, and training.

After leaving OYC, we transited over to St. Francis Yacht Club to collect Alex Bennett. We then transited over to Station Golden Gate for a visit and check-in with OOD, Jerry Eaton. Upon leaving, we did 3 transit from Station Golden Gate to Crissy Field simulating a Kite Surfer Safety Patrol. Each member received helm time for each of the transits.

As we were RTB to Oakland Yacht we came across a deceased sea lion which was reported to Station San Francisco for their recording. It appears that the rather large creature was struck by a boat. The carcass was not a threat to safe navigation. After we RTB, I brought SERVANT over to the Outboard Motor Shop for their inspection.

Morgan Swiggett and Adam Kovaelsky each earned some additional signoffs in the respective PQS manuals for coxswain and boat crew. Adam is scheduled for his initial Boat Crew check ride on Saturday, 23 April 2022.



Adam Kovalevsky – Stern Lookout – Photo by Jim Losi



Morgan Swiggett on helm. Photo by Jim Losi



Alex Bennett on helm. Photo by Jim Losi

We engaged in two boat training with OPFAC SILVER CHARM. We met at Station San Francisco and moved to the Alameda Boat Basin where we engaged in several stern and side tow evolutions. Major BZ to Terry and team for scheduling this patrol while the demands placed on them currently are great.

Stephen Busch, our resident photographer, took several photographs which are featured below.

Greg Olsen received his close to final Coxswain PQS signoff as he readies for his Coxswain check ride.

Morgan Swiggett and Adam Kovalevsky each received several PQS signoffs for the Coxswain and Boat Crew respectively. Adam is extremely close to finishing his Boat Crew PQS requirements.



Stern evolution with SILVER CHARM. Photo by Stephen Busch



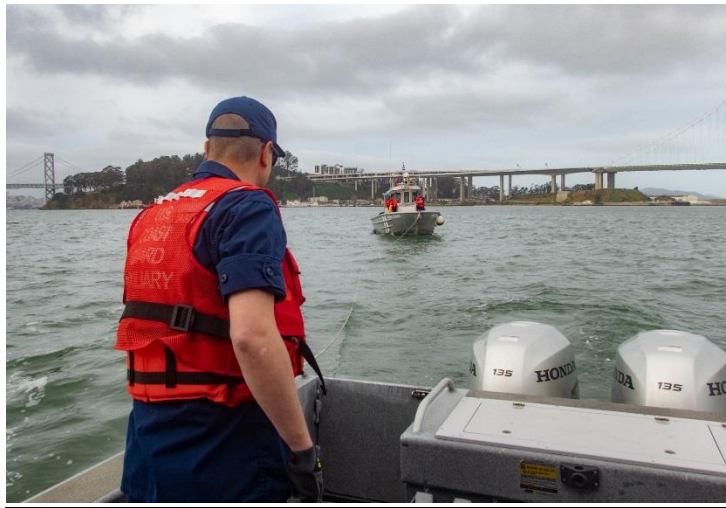
Morgan Swiggett stern tow watch with SILVER CHARM and SERVANT. Photo by Stephen Busch.



Side tow with SILVER CHARM and SERVANT. Photo Stephen Busch



Side tow with SILVER CHARM and SERVANT with heaving line toss by Adam Kovalevsky. Photo by Stephen Busch



Morgan Swiggett stern tow watch with SILVER CHARM and SERVANT. Photo by Stephen Busch.

**Very respectfully submitted,
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Presented by Jane Smith, DSO-PA2, Flotilla 6-10, Division 6